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DIARY NOTES

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29 October 1962

1. I talked to Jim Garrison about the air conditioning in the headquarters building and what I regard to be the unsatisfactory progress being made in correcting the defects. I told Jim that it seemed to me that the Public Buildings Service and the contractor were moving at a "snail's pace" and that we should put all the pressure we could on them to expedite action. I told him that I was prepared to write a letter to the Commissioner of PBS or to the General Services Administrator if this would be appropriate. (Jim will look into the matter and submit a recommendation to me.)

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2. I talked to Jim Garrison about getting more plasterers on the job at [REDACTED] and the note in his weekly report for the week ending 24 October 1962 to the effect that union officials have an agreement not to work overtime. He said that the union officials had made an exception in the case of [REDACTED] and that plasterers were working overtime.

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3. John Tietjen telephoned to say that [REDACTED] had prepared a memorandum to [REDACTED] about the A&E Staff and would be sending John a copy. John understood that [REDACTED] recommended that TSD take over about six professionals and three clericals from the A&E Staff. In this connection I sent [REDACTED] a copy of the memorandum which John had prepared on this subject and requested that we expedite our decision in this matter.

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4. I attended [REDACTED] staff meeting at 1600 hours today, at which [REDACTED] briefed the staff on the actions of the National Security Council Subcommittee on Communications. This situation is moving very fast, and we have been requested to install 89 additional KW-26's around the world within the next thirty days. Our biggest job is in Latin America, although the study is world-wide. I have briefed Mr. Kirkpatrick on this matter and have reminded him that in taking these actions we were incurring substantial expenses for which we are not budgeted, and we were automatically increasing considerably the personnel ceiling of the Office of Communications. I also arranged for Bill [REDACTED] to brief the Director on this matter at 0900 hours tomorrow, 30 October.

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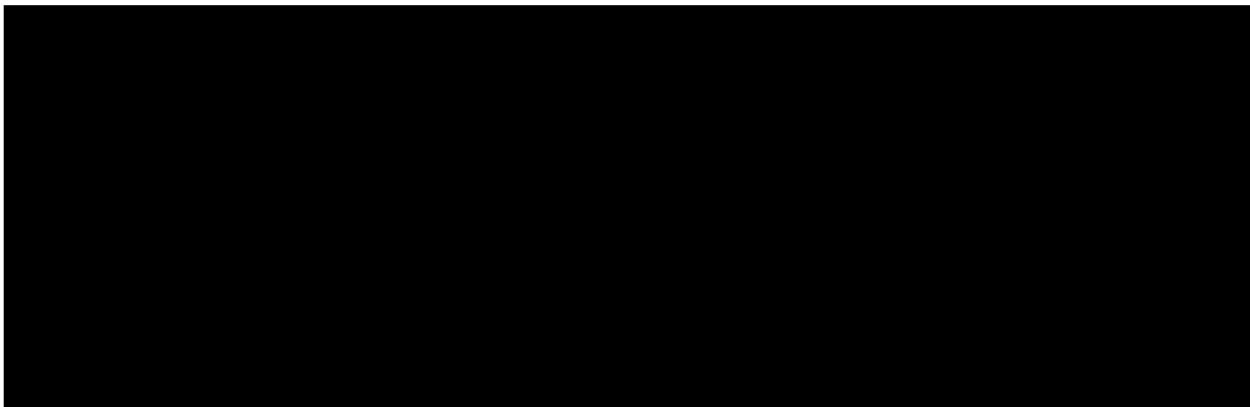
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25X1A9a . 5. [REDACTED] was in to see me about a report which we have been making semi-annually to the Air Force listing CIA personnel authorized to conduct liaison with the Air Force. Inasmuch as we don't do this for any other Service and it was something started by [REDACTED] and General Cabell, and both of them have gone, I decided to discontinue the report unless it is specifically requested at some future date. 25X1A9a

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7. I accidentally bumped into [REDACTED] of the Mobilization and Military Personnel Division. He showed me rough drafts of a book dispatch and a letter to the Adjutant General of the Army about our reserve situation. I told him that I thought the dispatch would serve the purpose at this time and asked him to refine them, as well as to put them in final form.

8. Jim Garrison called my attention to a cable (IN47962) [REDACTED] This cable indicates that contingency planning by the military in the Cuban crisis is going forward unabated and that we are turning over our first supplies from the [REDACTED] beginning at 1700 hours today.

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9. I met with John Tietjen and Shef Edwards to discuss the [REDACTED] case and have referred his appeal to the Inspector General for further investigation.

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10. Emmett Echols telephoned to say that [REDACTED] had asked him for a quick appraisal of [REDACTED] inasmuch as he is among those being considered in the Clandestine Services for promotion to grade GS-17. I told Emmett that he should tell Dan that Harry has done a perfectly acceptable job as Deputy Director of Personnel; however, he does not have the qualifications which we want in a Deputy Director of Personnel for the long pull and that if he should be promoted to grade GS-17 it should be with the understanding that he would be returned to the Clandestine Services shortly, which we contemplate in any case.

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